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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed September 27, 2005, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response, Applicant submits the present Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. A Petition to Extend the period for responding to the Office Action by one month, from December 27, 2005 to January 27, 2006 is submitted herewith.

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. The title of the application has been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 9 of this paper.